

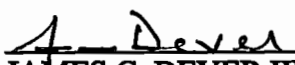
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On February 4, 2025, the court entered an order allowing Shonuff Digital Media up to and including March 8, 2025, within which to obtain counsel and to answer or otherwise respond to the Structured Financial's complaint. See [D.E. 15, 16]. On March 10 and 11, 2025, William Chavis, who represented himself to be the owner of Shonuff Digital Media, moved to extend time to obtain legal counsel for Shonuff Digital Media. See [D.E. 24, 27]. William Chavis (who is not a licensed attorney or member of this court's bar) also filed a purported answer to the complaint on behalf of Shonuff Digital Media. See [D.E. 25]. Structured Financial objects to the motions for extension of time and moves to strike the purported answer filed on behalf of Shonuff Digital. See [D.E. 30].

Local Civil Rule 5.2(b)(2) provides that an entity that is not a natural person cannot appear as an unrepresented person and must be represented by an attorney. See Local Civ. R. 5.2(b)(2). The filings that William Chavis made on behalf of Shonuff Digital Media violate Local Civil Rule 5.2(b)(2). Moreover, Shonuff Digital Media has failed to comply with the court's order of February 4, 2025. Shonuff Digital Media has not shown good cause to justify more time within which to obtain legal counsel. Furthermore, good cause exists to strike the purported answer that William Chavis filed in this case on behalf of Shonuff Digital Media.

In sum, the court DENIES the Shonuff Digital Media's motions for extensions of time within which to obtain legal counsel [D.E. 24, 27], and GRANTS plaintiff's motion to strike the purported answer filed in this case on behalf of Shonuff Digital Media [D.E. 30].

SO ORDERED. This 25 day of April, 2025.


JAMES C. DEVER III
United States District Judge